

## REMARKS

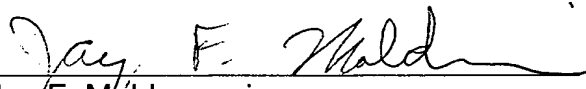
This application is the entry into the national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP03/02461. The International Application was filed in German and with a number of multiply dependent claims. Accordingly, an English translation of the application and the claims is enclosed herewith. It will be noted that some of the multiply dependent claims themselves depend from other multiply dependent claims. Since such a claim structure is not allowed in the United States, applicant takes this opportunity to remove all multiple dependencies from the claims.

Applicant has cancelled 1-17 and added new claims 18-35. Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 18-35 is respectfully requested.

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